

would come to an immediate halt. They serve as jockeys, trainers, blacksmiths, grooms, exercise riders as well as cooks, vendors and suppliers. Often unrecognized, they are the proverbial backbone of this industry.

Fiesta Day is a great opportunity not only to celebrate the contributions of these hard working Latino Americans to the horse industry but to celebrate the growth of the Latino community in this nation. Accordingly, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Fiesta Day.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY NURSES HELPING TO FIGHT HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, the AIDS pandemic threatens stability, future economic growth and development throughout the world, particularly in Africa. Yet, nurses are an underutilized resource in HIV prevention and the care of those in Africa who suffer from AIDS. Marquette University's College of Nursing and the U.S. Agency for International Development recognize the important and unique role nurses and primary health care workers can play in this effort. They have collaborated to enhance nursing skills in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS in Kenya.

I wish to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article that appeared in the Summer 2003 issue of Marquette Magazine, which highlights positive impact Marquette University has made in training Kenyan health care workers to treat Kenyans infected with HIV/AIDS.

HELPING HANDS

MARQUETTE PROGRAM PUTS NURSES ON THE
FRONT LINE OF THE WAR ON HIV/AIDS IN KENYA
(By Kristen M. Scheuing)

In 1997, Sister Genovefa Maashao appealed to then-dean of Marquette's College of Nursing, Dr. Madeline Wake (now university provost), for help in dealing with the AIDS epidemic that was consuming her native Kenya. At Wake's invitation, Sister Genovefa came to Marquette to receive instruction in HIV/AIDS prevention and patient care. When she returned to her hometown of Voi, she was the only HIV/AIDS-trained health-care professional in a community of some 300,000 people, 20-40 percent of which were presumed to be infected.

Astounded by the numbers and inspired by a recent presidential declaration of war on HIV/AIDS in this country, the College of Nursing felt compelled to join Sister Genovefa's mission to harness the epidemic in Kenya.

Under the direction of Karen Ivantice-Doucette, Nurs '79 and '95, clinical assistant professor of nursing, and Margaret Murphy, clinical associate professor of nursing, a revolutionary 4-year program was designed that would put the skill and knowledge in the hands of those who actually administer the majority of care in Kenya: nurses and non-physician health-care workers, not doctors.

In collaboration with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the program will create a self-sustaining supply of caregivers trained in HIV/AIDS care and prevention in Kenya. The project was lauded at a January 2003 press conference by President George W. Bush, who cited the Marquette program as an example of how faith-based organizations can be successful partners with government agencies in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

As part of the first phase of the program, 12 nurses were recruited from various Kenyan governmental, health-care and educational institutions and brought to Marquette last spring for five weeks of intensive training. The nurses returned to Kenya to train other caregivers who will, in turn, train others. After four years more than 300 health workers will have been trained, directly enhancing the health-care infrastructure for more than 10,000 people.

Of the estimated 60 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, nearly 80 percent are in Africa. The program aims to re-establish human dignity to those infected with the virus through the initiative of nurses.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS THE LIFE OF JULIA BAXTER BATES, FIRST BLACK STUDENT AT DOUGLASS COLLEGE

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the courage, career and commitment of Douglass College's first black student, Julia Baxter Bates. Ms. Bates died earlier this month at the age of 86 after a distinguished life.

Julia Baxter Bates became the first black student admitted to what is now Rutgers University's Douglass College due to her courage, her resolve, and thank goodness, due to a fortunate error. In 1934, Ms. Baxter Bates sent her application, along with the required photograph, to the Admissions Office of Douglass College. In reviewing her application, an admissions officer mistook Bates, a light-skinned black woman, for a white woman, and invited her to interview. At that interview, administrators suggested she attend a school where she would be "more comfortable." At this moment, Ms. Baxter had a choice. She chose the more difficult path. With determination and courage and the assistance of her father, she convinced administrators to let her stay.

Displaying resolve and purpose, Ms. Bates succeeded in the face of intolerance. In 1938, she graduated magna cum laude. When she could not get her teaching license because no school district would let her student-teach, she earned a master's degree at Columbia University and began teaching English and American literature at Dillard University in New Orleans.

In response to her continued encounters with racism, Ms. Baxter Bates left the field of education and entered the world of legal justice and social activism. She joined the staff of the New York headquarters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the NAACP. There she spent a quarter-century helping form the research sector that later wrote the winning brief in the now-famous *Brown v. Board of Education*. She considered her involvement in *Brown v. Board of Education* her greatest achievement.

Bates returned to education in 1965 at Columbia's School of Social Work to work on urban education, and a few years later she finally became a New Jersey schoolteacher, in Newark. In 1984, she joined Essex County College as an administrator.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Julia Baxter Bates for her long career of social change

and her commitment to education. From the courage and perseverance of individuals such as Julia, the institutions and the attitudes of our society progress. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing one of New Jersey's most significant daughters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

July 24, 2003: Rollcall vote 443, on the motion to recommit on H.R. 2210, the School Readiness Act, I would have voted "no"; and Rollcall vote 446, on the motion to instruct conferees on the Tax Relief, Simplification and Equity Act, I would have vote "no."

HONORING GERRY L. NANNENGA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gerry L. Nannenga for his lifelong contributions to the labor movement. This is a very special pleasure, as I have known Gerry for the better part of two decades and have seen firsthand the efforts of his dynamic accomplishments on behalf of the community. On Thursday, July 31, 2003, the Indiana Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights will salute Gerry for his dedicated work, serving the union members in the State of Indiana as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Fortunately, Gerry will have the opportunity to continue his distinguished career in the labor movement, as he is being promoted to serve the needs of working carpenters nationwide.

Gerry Nannenga has dedicated a substantial portion of his life to the betterment of union members and the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as the entire State of Indiana.

Gerry's distinguished career in the labor movement has made the community and the State of Indiana a better place in which to live and work. For more than 28 years, Gerry Nannenga has served as a member of Local 1005 of the Carpenters Union. Additionally, Gerry served as Business Manager of the Northwest Indiana District Council of Carpenters and Millwrights, as well as, past President of the Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor. Gerry has always devoted his career toward the expansion of labor ideals and fair standards for all working people.

While Gerry Nannenga has dedicated considerable time and energy to his work with the Indiana Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights, he has always made an extra effort to give back to the community. He has served on the Indiana State Building Trades Executive Board and the Lake Area United Way Executive Committee. Additionally, in 1998, Governor Frank O'Bannon appointed him to the Indiana Port Commission.

Although his work and community service put extraordinary demands on his time, Gerry

has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children: Staci, Christopher, and Samantha.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Nannenga for his professional achievements and his many years of dedication to the betterment of our community. We in Northwest Indiana are truly thankful to have someone of Gerry's talents on our team. His work in the labor movement provided workers in Indiana opportunities they might not have otherwise had. Gerry Nannenga's leadership has and will continue to keep the region's labor force strong and help keep America working.

TAX TREATMENT OF MOTORSPORTS

HON. J. D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by Congressman JEFFERSON and eleven of our colleagues in introducing legislation that would clarify the tax treatment of motorsports properties under current law.

The IRS has created various categories of depreciable assets and assigned various depreciable lives to each. Since at least 1962, the IRS has listed "entertainment facilities" as one such class, and has excluded racetracks from its definition. However, in 1974 the IRS established a new category of assets called "theme and amusement facilities" that included a portion of the old entertainment facility category, but also expanded the types of assets that qualify as theme and amusement facilities. While retaining the exclusion of racetracks from the "entertainment facilities" category, the IRS dropped the exclusion from the theme and amusements category.

Since that time, the racetrack industry has relied on the theme and amusement facility category for depreciating investments. While it has varied over the years, today the depreciation period is seven years.

These taxpayers have made significant investments based on their reasonable reliance on the depreciation period for theme and amusement assets. Now, many years later, after many tax audits and reviews of tracks and track owners across the country, the IRS is questioning the right of motorsport facilities to be treated as theme and amusement assets.

Motorsports entertainment facilities have a tremendous positive economic impact, both regionally and nationally. Racing promotes travel and tourism, and for some venues, a race week or weekend significantly boosts the local economy by drawing tens of thousands of fans. The building and upgrading of these facilities is a capital-intensive activity—and taxpayers who make these investments deserve certainty in the manner in which our tax laws allow investments to be written off.

This clarification of the Internal Revenue Code will recognize the long-term reliance of this large and growing industry on a broadly accepted interpretation of tax law. The legislation will also provide the owners of motorsports entertainment facilities with the certainty they need to make new investments. I urge

my colleagues to support this important and needed legislation.

SHELBYVILLE CHAUTAUQUA CENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the citizens of Shelbyville, Illinois and their celebration of the Shelbyville Chautauqua's Centennial. The Chautauqua Auditorium is on the National Register of Historic Places, and on August 6th, the town will be celebrating the building's 100th birthday.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, thousands of people would gather in Shelbyville every August for the 2-week celebration known as the Chautauqua. It was the event of the summer, and families from around Central Illinois drove miles by horse and buggy to attend. The Chautauqua started off as a kind of community tent meeting where people who lived miles apart would gather, share news, and visit for this one time every year.

Then, in 1903, the Shelbyville Chautauqua Auditorium opened in Shelbyville's Forest Park. The one-of-a-kind structure boasts a huge, round auditorium that is free of interior support posts that would obstruct the audience's view, instead relying on a unique series of beams in the ceiling. It is the largest building of its kind anywhere in the world.

With the new auditorium, the event transformed from a community tent meeting into a larger event where families came to hear many of the famous speakers and entertainers of the time. Presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan, evangelist Billy Sunday, and future President William Howard Taft all had turns taking the platform in Shelbyville.

The Shelbyville Chautauqua closed down in 1930, but the memories live on in events such as this Centennial Celebration. The Chautauqua brought a sense of community to the area that is unknown in our day, but with events like this, that sense is returning. I wish the people of Shelbyville the best in their celebration of a truly historic building that exemplifies what was so right about community life in the early 1900's.

IN HONOR OF EVE BUTLER-GEE, HOUSE JOURNAL CLERK, ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to call to the attention of the House the impending retirement of Eve Butler-Gee, the Journal Clerk of the House, who is a resident of the 10th District of Virginia. According to research by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, Eve is the first woman Journal Clerk in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives.

She began her professional career in the House in her early 20's. She went on to work for a charitable foundation in the middle of her

working life, then returned to the House in 1987 as the Minority Enrolling Clerk of the House, appointed by then Minority Leader Bob Michel of Illinois. She served in that position for eight years, before her appointment in 1997 as Chief Journal Clerk.

Eve and three assistant clerks are responsible for keeping the Journal of the House proceedings at the rostrum on the House floor. As you know, Mr. Speaker, the House Journal is the official record of the parliamentary proceedings of the House and is mandated to be kept pursuant to Article 1, Section 5, of the United States Constitution. The first order of business of each day, following the prayer by the House chaplain, is the vote on the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The Journal Clerk's office also publishes the Journal of each session of Congress for use as a reference for the House parliamentarians, Members of Congress, regional libraries, state governments and the general public. During Eve's tenure, the publication of the House Journal has been brought up-to-date and publication procedures modernized.

During her time at the House rostrum, Eve has been a witness to history as the House voted on the Gulf War resolution and a presidential impeachment, authorized the use of force in Iraq, and grieved a gunman's killing of two U.S. Capitol Police officers. She was also in the Capitol when it was evacuated during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and like all offices on Capitol Hill, she had to deal with concerns raised by an anthrax attack.

Both Eve and her husband, Tom Gee, are active in the Episcopal Church. Eve serves on the Vestry and as head verger at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, Virginia, while Tom is director of lay liturgists. After her retirement, Eve plans to be a volunteer verger at the Washington National Cathedral. She also looks forward to spending her retirement years traveling, pursuing interests in writing and community theater, and enjoying the company of her family, including her daughter and son-in-law, Lora and John Williams, and grandson, Evan, welcoming a new grandchild expected in December.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire House—members and staff—we express our deep gratitude to Eve for her public service career and wish her the best in her retirement.

THE REAL MEANING OF RESPECT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition and my outrage over the rule designed to govern the debate over the FY04 VA-HUD Appropriations bill. This rule, by not allowing two amendments to be made in order, severely restricts the ability of this body to take care of its obligations. These two amendments, one by Representative SMITH of New Jersey and Representative EVANS of Illinois would have increased the funding for veterans' health care to the level that we promised in the budget resolution passed earlier this year. The other, by Representative EDWARDS of Texas, would